

Application No. 10/702,347  
Attorney Docket No. 00600-15328US01

**REMARKS**

The present application includes claims 1-13. Claims 1-13 were rejected in a final Office Action mailed on July 14, 2006. By this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 8 and dependent claim 3 have been amended.

In the final Office Action, claims 1-13 were rejected based on Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418, Warming, WO93/2345, Lampartar, U.S. Patent No. 6,009,650 and/or Brierly, GB 2085332. Thereafter, on August 15, 2006, a phone interview with Examiner Amari took place. During this interview, the parties discussed at length the Edwards reference, which provides at least part of the basis of all of the claim rejections.

Applicant reiterated its belief that the Edwards reference does not provide an appropriate basis for rejecting the pending claims because the pending claims are directed to allowing a driver of a vehicle to view the side of the vehicle, whereas Edwards teaches “A system of mirrors for a vehicle which augments an operators vision to allow a clear vision path past a forward obstacle.” (Abstract; see also col. 2, ll. 27-30; col. 3, ll. 16-21, 25-28, 48-52; col. 4, ll. 13-16.) As such, Edwards does not disclose, or even suggest, utilizing its mirror structure for viewing the right side of the vehicle in question.

Nonetheless, on August 22, 2006, Applicant submitted an Amendment attempting to amend independent claims 1 and 8 to further identify the area to be viewed by Applicant’s current invention. These limitations were discussed with Examiner Amari during the phone interview, at which time Examiner Amari agreed that Edwards does not

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teach or suggest using its mirror structure to view the blind spot between the tires on the right side of a vehicle.

However, on September 19, 2006, an Advisory Action was mailed which indicated that the proposed amendments would not be entered for the reasons stated in the Advisory Action.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Applicant also submits that independent claims 1 and 8, as amended herein, as well as claims 2-7 and 9-13, which depend therefrom, are not anticipated by any reference and are not rendered obvious by any reference or combination of references.

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**CONCLUSION**

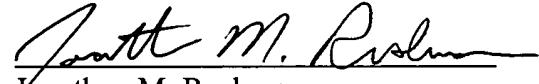
Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicant believes that claims 1-13 are in condition for allowance. Given the state of the prosecution, if the Examiner disagrees or has any question regarding this submission, the Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (312) 775-8000 prior to issuing any further action.

A Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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